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THE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This newspaper has long advocated separation of church and state. A state supported church can be dangerous, and a church-rule of government does not work.

We trink of this basic policy in connection with plans now going on in most communities for the annual Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Here is a good thing! When public schools close for the summer vacation, open the doors of the churches for a special period of intensive Bible study, on the pattern o' the school classroom.

We believe the place to teach the Bible is in the home and in the church; the place to teach the three R's is in a school. A movement has gained some following in Virginia to enploy special teachers to "teach the Bible" in public schools. We are against that The parent and the church should accept and not shift responsibility for religious education.

So, more power to the Daily Vacation Bible School. Send your child and become interested in the success of this effort. The Bible is the most precious and informative book of all. Sunday Schools render a remarkable service to society, and the Vacation Bible School aids its activities. Every community should have a successful Bible School.

With Other Editors

SOUND POLICY IN GERMANY

(From Winchester Star)

Americans, we believe, will applaud the decision of the three Western Foreign Ministers who have declared that America, Britain and France will keep their troops in Germany and refuse to write a peace treaty as long as Russian policy divides the country. It was the part of wisdom, too, we believe, for the foreign ministers to agree to fully integrate West Germany into Western Europe and gradually free it of controls to the maximum possible under the occupation regime.

It would be foolhearty, it seems to us, for the Western Allies to withdraw troops from West Germany so long as Russian troops remain in East Germany, and Russia's policy continues as it has in the past.

U. S. LAW ON SEX CRIMES

(From The Philadelphia Inquirer)

A Federal law to deal with perpetrators of sex crimes against children, on the principle of the "Lindbergh Law" in kidnappings, is projected by Rep. Frank L. Chelf, of Kentucky, and points to the necessity for more vigorous treatment of these degenerates.

Offenses of the type Mr. Chelf wants to reach have become a national problem. His measure proposes to have the Federal Government step in when a person accuses of indecent molestation of children flees across State lines. Under his bill prison sentences of 10 to 20 years are fixed for first offenses, with life terms for subsequent offenses and the death penalty when death should result to a child victim.

Not infrequently when a hue and cry after a sex offender becomes too great he departs for another section of the country, to repeat his crimes there. Mr. Chelf's bill would be most effective in dealing with sex offenders wanted for crimes in several states.

The Chelf bill deserves favorable consideration. With such a law on the books and with State authorities stirred up to more determined action, some much needed progress could be made in curbing the most dangerous sex criminal—the "repeater" who molests little children and sooner or later is likely to kill one of them.

TO PREVENT NEEDLESS BLINDNESS

From The Philadelphia Inquirer

Report by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness that some 800,000 Americans are losing their sight from miaucoma without knowing it drives home the importance of the work being done by the society and the reasonableness of its campaign for funds.

This disease which strikes most often at those over forty can be rendered harmless by modern medicine, if caught early enough. Those in the age group, as the society says, ought to have periodic eye examinations, and they should be educated to their need.

Failure to understand the need for such precautions accounts largely for the fact that the adult blind are increasing at a rate of 4,800 a year. Some 300,000 industrial workers receive eye injuries annually, and at least 4,500,000 school children need eye care.

Against this tidal wave the society is carrying out its campaign on a present budget of some $299,755 a year. If it could double this sum, as Mason H. Bigelow, its president, points out, it could probably achieve more to save sight in the next ten years than has been done in the past four decades.

REVOLUTION ON THE DIAMOND

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

Baseball uniforms have always been a mystery to the grandstand philosopher. Why, on a scorchingly hot day in July or August, should men who are engaged in strenuous exercise be swathed head to foot in flannel and wool?

Manager Fred Haney of the Hollywood Stars, an old baseball hand, has finally broken the tradition of discomfort. He has substituted shorts for the customary baseball pants. The bare knees are said to be no handicap to a man sliding into second. And nobody seems worried that the exposing of these joints will make it easier for an umpire to decide whether a low pitch really was a strike or a ball. In fact, the players say they like the new outfits. But we are making no bets that this revolution will sweep the diamonds of the nation.

It really is a revolution in baseball. This is our most conservative sport. In basketball, which probably now holds the No. 1 spot in mass appeal, the rules are changed from season to season with the utmost abandon. Even football changes the position of its goal posts and comes up with such innovations as the platoon system. But baseball rules and strategy are as conventionalized as chess. On the whole, even old Uncle Wilbur Robinson's Brooklyn zanies lived up to them. So, the Hollywood uniforms may well be dismissed as bush-league nonsense. Yet there is an outside chance that comfort may yet have its innings on the diamond.

AH, PROPHECY!

(From The Magazine Roads)

Horse-drawn carriages used to travel an average of 11.5 miles an hour in New York's mid-town traffic. Today the average speed of the automobile now used on the same streets is six miles an hour.

IN AND OUT

(From The Rotarian)

Mr. Holt, the proprietor of a cigar store, was worried. His competitor was attracting crowds to his window by employing a vivacious Spanish girl to sit in it and roll cigars, meanwhile "giving the eye" to the boys outside. Mr. Holt had an idea. Next morning a blonde was rolling cigars in HIS window— but with her BACK to the street. There soon was a crowd—INSIDE the store.

The big difference between a radical and a conservative is that the latter has something to conserve. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PUTTING HUMAN NATURE TO WORK

(From The Retarian)

The new manager of a large plant was scarcely settled in his job when a foreman dashed in to lodge a string of complaints against another foreman. Calling in the second foreman, the manager bade the complainer continue his diatribe. He wouldn't.

"All right," said the chief, "you step out of the office and thrash this thing out. If you can't reach an agreement in 15 minutes, I'll have to let one of you go."

They came back in five minutes. Both were smiling.

Congress sets goal at adjournment in August.

Indochina Reds open a corrodor to Thailand.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Fifteen children drown in Venice tragedy.

Homemaker's Items

"Condition" your freshly cut flowers by standing them in solution overnight before arranging them in cool, fresh water.

That's the advice of Miss Ruth Jamison, home furnishings specialist at V. P. I., who lists these tips for making flowers last longer:

Roses and all members of this family, condition best when they are cut in the bud and allowed to stand in a deep container of water to which has been added one teaspoonful of alum per quart.

Garden flowers such as asters, calendulas, zinnias, marigolds, snapdragons, all respond to one teaspoonful of sugar in each quart of water.

Poinsettias, milkweed, hollyhocks, poppies, and lupines are all bleeders. They like to have the tips of their stems burned about two inches deep, and be plunged into deep ice water to stand overnight.

Forget-me-nots, lillies of the valley, and cereal bells, need two drops of alcohol added to their conditioning water. Peonies like one tablespoonful of molasses added to each quart of conditioning water.

Violets like water on their flowers. Condition these by bunching them first. Turn the bunches upside down and immerse in water, allowing the flowers to drink from the flower heads as well as the stem ends. Irises and tulips last longer when picked in the tight bud and dropped in a wet newspaper right away. Plunge these dropped bunches into deep containers which allow water to come up to the blooms.

Branch material such as forsythia, apple blossoms, pear, quince, and sumac all do best when cut in the bud. Put them in deep water to which has been added one drop of hydrochloric acid.

Efficient Hen Creates Better Marketing Need

As the average hen becomes more efficient — she laid an all-time high of 167 eggs last year — the poultryman must try for better quality and better marketing practices to increase demand.

D. U. Livermore, poultry marketing specialist at V.P. I., warns that the inefficient producer will be forced out of business; and that the poultryman whose flocks produce more per hen, and who guards against deterioration of the eggs, is the one who will reap high net profits.

The problem of the present plentiful supply of eggs on the market can be solved by an adjustment in hen numbers. It definitely is not an indication that poultrymen can stop trying for high production, Livermore says. High production means lower costs for the consumer, and at the same time, better returns for the farmer.

He believes also that egg handlers should stress ways to reduce quality deterioration and loss once the farmer has delivered a quality product. Buying methods which will produce a quality price incentive to producers should be more widely adopted. "For the often a producer gets the same price for good quality eggs as he does for poor," he says.

Livermore forecord egg productreports that new production were ahuary and Februarale, 1949's record eggs per hen, upward trend. Thtion per hen in 1930 it was 122; 155, and in 1945

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Stonewall

Stonewall, May 23.- Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes were called to Cullen last Thursday on account of the death of Mr. Turnes' sister, Mrs. B. L. Jordan. We extend deepest sympathy to Mr. Turnes and the other members of his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson and son, Eugene, of Roanoke spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mrs. Lee Wheeler was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondevant on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler called in this home in the afternoon.

Mrs. James Jordan and baby have returned to their home in Concord after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler at Rustburg. Mr. Wheeler has just returned home from the Charlottesville hospital. We hope he will soon be well again.

Mrs. C. M. Caldwell was called to Lynchburg last week on account of the sudden death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Elvin Deacon. We extend sympathy to her and to the rest of her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and children; Aubrey Lee Burnette and Mrs. Anna Lee were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler had all their children home on Sunday: Bob Wheeler, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wheeler, Betsy and Bertha Wheeler, of Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes visited her sister, Mrs. W. A. Perrow, at Sherwill last week. She has just returned home from the hospital.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Church met in the home of Mrs. Bessie Scratton in Lynchburg last Thursday, with a good attendance. Mrs. Stratton is a memebr of the Bethel Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Chick on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and children; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Drinkard and son and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Drinkard and children motored over the Skyline Drive on last Sunday.

Richwood

Richwood, May 23.- "The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wealth."—Proverb.

Service at Wesley Chapel at 3:00 P. M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harvey and daughter, Kitty, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, of Arington, Va., were the guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Pankey.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis visited with Miss Estelle Wooldridge and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter were the week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fleshman.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis were guests Tuesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and family at Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guill were in Lynchburg on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Price and children called to see Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis Saturday evening.

Miss Marvis Wooldridge visited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh Monday.

Richwood, May 22.- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sarver and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bingham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burks and family and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Riley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sarver and family visited relatives in Lynchburg recently.

Linda Sarver celebrated her 8th birthday at Sunday School Sunday.

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flixburg

Hixburg, May 22.- Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carson and children, John and Bettibel spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall. Mrs. G. G. Reynolds, of Richmond was also a week-end guest in this home. Callers in this home Friday were Dr. T. W. Williams, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Singleton, of Darlington Heights, and O. H. Gilliam, of Prospect. Mr. and Mrs. Nate Topping called there Sunday P. M.

Mrs. B. G. Grinstead will leave May 23 for Greenville, Miss., where she taught twenty years. Before her return she will visit her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Gilliam in New Orleans, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Newton, Jr. and W. M., III, in Tampa, Florida.

The Hixburg Presbyterian Sunday School has a good attendance. Each and all are very much interested.

Recent guests in the home of D. T. Goin were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris and children, from Baltimore, Maryland.

Misses Kate and Rachel Goin spent Wednesday night with Hanna Hipps, at Pamplin and Sunday night with Edna Goin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orange and Joyce, of Prospect were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Goin Sunday.

Lee Glenn spent Sunday in the home of B. C. Maxwell.

William Swann is spending some time with his aunt, Mrs. N. S. Topping. He spent Sunday P. M. with his cousin, Henry Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ural Carson and Carter spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carson, at "Scotland."

Concord

Concord, May 22.- Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jones, Jr. entertained the faculty and senior class of Concord High School with a wiener roast at Oxford Furnace Monday night of last week.

Boy Scout Troop 44 met with Harvey Henderson, scout leader, Tuesday night. After a short hiking trip they enjoyed a meal cooked out-of-doors.

The Pilot Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting with Mrs. O. L. Martin on Wednesday.

Robert Garrette, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Garrett, underwent an operation for appendicitis recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wohr, Miss Gale Preble and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hawkins visited Mrs. A. J. Monger recently.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and daughter, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurley and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin, of Richmond.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, May 23.- Miss Betty Jane Jennings spent Thursday night with Helen Cyrus.

Miss Martha Jennings spent Friday night with Ruth Shupe, of Appomattox.

Miss Rosa Shupe spent the week-end with Martha and Betty Jennings.

Miss Lavana Hawley spent Thursday night with Sara Cyrus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne and daughter, Betty Jane spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson, of Appomattox.

Gladstone

Gladstone, May 22.- Mrs. R. W. Mann is a patient at the C&O Hospital, Clifton Forge.

Mrs. D. Moseley Harris, of Spout Spring has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Bolton, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hasted and daughter, Betty Davis have returned from a visit with friends in Clifton Forge.

Mrs. Dodee Hessin entertained the Gladstone WSCS at her home on Wednesday.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Trent were dinner guests Sunday of her uncle, Yancey Abbitt, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. J. A. Trent, of Concord was a dinner guest Sunday of her father Yancey Abbitt, of Lynchburg.

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